

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 31-60 were pending and rejected. In this response, no claim has been canceled. Claims 49 and 59 have been amended. An inventor's declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 has been submitted to overcome the cited references. No new matter has been added.

Claims 49 and 59 were objected because of informalities. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome.

Claims 31-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hasbun et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,622,200 ("Hasbun"), which has been assigned to a common assignee of the present application and includes a common inventor of the present application.

In view of the enclosed inventor's declaration, it is respectfully submitted that any invention disclosed but not claimed in Hasbun was derived from the common inventor of the present application and is thus not the invention "by another". Therefore, in view of the inventor's declaration, Hasbun is not a prior art with respect to the present invention as claimed.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 39-40, 49-50, and 59-60 were indicated as allowable in the previous Office Action dated April 8, 2004 with respect to Hasbun. However, in this Office Action, they were rejected by the same reference. It is assumed that this was caused by typographical errors.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite

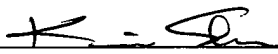
or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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